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In Re the Application of: ) Group Art Unit: not yet assigned  
BURTON et al. )  
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For: "NOVEL MICRO-ORGANISMS,  
THEIR USE AND METHOD FOR  
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Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of to respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed on June 28, 2002, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response for up to five months.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,970.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

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